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SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA HERALD SVN THIRD FORCE

1. PRAVDA MAY 12 AND 13 PUBLISHES TWO LONG FEATURES BY VIETNAM SPECIALIST SKVORTSOV BASED ON HIS VISITS TO PRG-CONTROLLED AREAS OF SVN, EVIDENTLY IN APRIL. FIRST ARTICLE INCLUDES PORTION OF AN INTERVIEW WITH MME. NGUYEN CHI CHANG (PHONETIC), DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNION ON NATIONAL, DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE FORCES OF SAIGON-CHOLON REGION. INTERVIEW AND SKVORTSOV'S DESCRIPTION OF HIS EXPERIENCES ARE MEANT TO SHOW STRENGTH OF "THIRD FORCE" AND CONCOMITANT DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THIEU GOVERNMENT. SECOND ARTICLE STRESSES PEACEFUL RECONSTRUCTION TAKING PLACE IN PRG "LIBERATED AREAS," COUPLED WITH DETERMINATION OF PEOPLE TO RESIST ALLEGED
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PROVOCATIONS AND ENCROACHMENTS BY GVN FORCES.

2. PRAVDA A WEEK EARLIER (MAY 4) REPORTED FORMATION OF COMMITTEE IN SAIGON TO DEMAND RELEASE FROM PRISON OF THOUSANDS OF "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRD FORCE."

3. COMMENT: SOVIET MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVERTISING PEACEFUL RECONSTRUCTION IN NORTH VIETNAM ALMOST FROM DAY OF SIGNATURE OF PARIS AGREEMENT, BUT THE THEME IS NOW BEING EXTENDED TO THE SOUTH. THIRD FORCE HAS ONLY RECENTLY BECOME PROMINENT SUBJECT IN SOVIET VIETNAM COVERAGE, SUPPLEMENTING A STEADY DIET OF DRV AND PRG COMPLAINTS ABOUT CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS. WHILE GVN BOYCOTT OF CELLE-ST. CLOUD TALKS AND PRG RETALIATION IN TPJMC HAVE BOTH BEEN BRIEFLY NOTED, SOVIETS HAVE NOT MADE MAJOR PUBLIC ISSUE OF EITHER.
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